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For : APPARATUS FOR RELEASING ITEMS WITHIN A  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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This paper addresses the Office Action dated July 22, 2002.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has indicated that the present application includes  
claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species 1: the species of Figures 1 to 4;  
Species 2: the species of Figures 5 and 12;  
Species 3: the species of Figures 6, 7 and 11;  
Species 4: the species of Figures 8 to 10; and  
Species 5: the species of Figure 13.

The Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single species for  
prosecution on the merits.

Applicants provisionally elect species 1, i.e., the species of Figures 1 to  
4, for prosecution on the merits. It is submitted that the following claims correspond  
to Figures 1 to 4: 1 to 10, 12 to 22 and 24. The Office Action indicates that claims 1  
and 13 are generic. It is respectfully submitted that claims 4, 12, 18 and 24 are also  
generic.

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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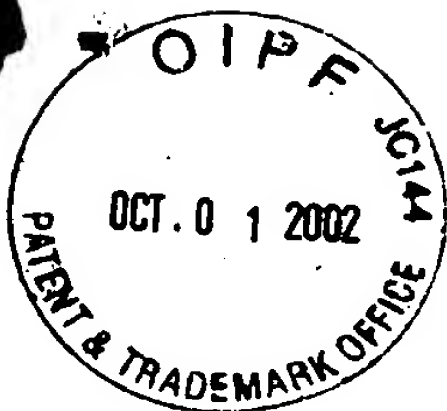
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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application is a  
Response to Restriction Requirement.

Applicant hereby requests a **one-month extension** of time for  
responding to the Restriction Requirement dated July 22, 2002. The extended  
period for response expires on **September 23, 2002**. Please charge the **\$110.00**  
extension fee and any additional fees that may be required, or credit any  
overpayment to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number  
**11-0600**. A duplicate of this Transmittal is enclosed.

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